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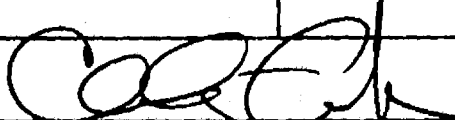
2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1010

House Appropriations Committee
Human Resources Division

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 15, 2003

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Minutes:

Ms. Jan Webb, Executive Director, ND Council on the Arts (see attached testimony)

Testifying mainly from her prepared testimony, Ms. Webb answered questions regarding her current rent expense and its impending increase. In addition, Ms. Webb predicts that the NEA's funding will remain the same. She also stated that the council also raises revenue through the sale of CD's and other materials. Chairman Delzer requested a list of the council's carry over and any grants the council receives. In response to questioning from Rep. Kerzman, Webb responded that the Challenge America grant are directly for the NEA and can't be used for administrative funds. In addition, she established that the \$25,000 is the expected increase, not the amount of the grant. She also stated that most of the grants are a continuation.

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Ms. Webb also outlined the upcoming council-sponsored signature events in celebration of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. The funding amount is \$183,000 and Chairman Delzer asked for a breakdown of how the money will be spent.

Taylor Barnes, Director, Arts Center (see attached testimony)

Charlene Hudge, Managing Artistic Director, Fargo-Moorhead Community Theatre (see attached testimony)

Tracy Potter, Executive Director, Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation (see attached testimony)

Ms. Webb continued her testimony with the council's budget and the Lewis and Clark budget. There was general discussion regarding the rate that Workers Comp will be charging for rent. It was established at \$1,600 per month. Webb stated that \$6,000 remains from the original \$3,000 grants.

Joe Morrisette, OMB, outlined the increase in rent in the Workers Comp building. The committee asked for a comparative rent for the State Library. In addition, Morrisette stated that the increase was excluded from the 95% budget because the council was moving. Chairman Delzer why the move was taking place. Ms. Webb explained that currently, the offices are located in a basement and that the Council felt that a higher visibility would do much to raise the visibility of the Council.

In response to questioning, Webb stated that the Council maintains nine programs and are as of December 31, 2002, at 68% of their budget and have been fully staffed over the past biennium. The gap between the recommended and requested gap was explained by Morrisette, OMB, as occurring because they had no way of knowing what the increases for health care would be for the next biennium. There was discussion regarding the dues that the Council pays. Webb stated that

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all dues are part of the granting process and eventually the funds trickle back into the state via grants. In addition, Webb stated that Federal funding levels are based upon school population. Rep. Kerzman pointed out the risk management line item had drastically increased and Chairman Delzer asked LC to outline risk management increases by department and Webb responded that there was a lawsuit against the state regarding the dismissal of the previous director. In response to questioning from Chairman Delzer, Webb responded that the Council prints a quarterly newsletter but is moving more and more to an online system. Otherwise, brochures make up the rest of the printing. In addition, Webb was asked for an breakdown of equipment purchases.

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Minutes: Committee Work

Jan Webb, Executive Director, ND Council on the Arts (See attached)

Webb outlined her agency's need for four computers and provided the committee with prices and information regarding them. **Webb** also gave the committee an overview of the agency's granting process and the grants given out. She was specific by grant program as to the source of funds: AC - state; AP - federal; CA - federal; IS - majority federal; LCB - state; SP - mostly state; TI - mostly state, partially federal. There was discussion relating to grant types, recipients, and funding sources.

In addition, she provided the committee with information regarding her agencies 399 account. She also said that the operating line states \$53,000, when in actuality, her operating budget is \$33,000. The difference is reflective of a \$20,000 fund that has been set up within her operating budget that allows the agency to receive funds other than general or federal grants.

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Minutes: Committee Work

Chairman Delzer explained the amendments and proposed changes.


There was discussion regarding \$40K with regard to recurring general fund revenues and combining the line so the council would have more flexibility in spending. There was also discussion regarding reducing the Lewis and Clark budget.

Rep. Kempenich moved to adopt the amendment and **Rep. Bellew** seconded that motion.

Rep. Kerzman said that he would not support the amendment with the salary decreases.

Vice-Chair Warnke stated for the record that she will support the amendment, but that she is disappointed that the power of the arts and music, particularly within education is underestimated. She said that it assists children in learning and learning in a different way, increases memory capacity, and increases attention span and patience.

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Chairman Delzer stated that that statement is surely agreed upon by all, but that given the fiscal situation cuts have to made. He also said that while they are being cut in grants, the council is receiving a general fund increase over last budget.

In a voice vote, the amendment was adopted four to two.

Vice-Chair Warnke moved to do pass as amended and **Rep. Kerzman** seconded that motion.

The bill was pass in a vote of six to zero.

It was decided that **Rep. Bellew** would carry the bill.

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